

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A petition for a one month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) and authorization to charge any fees associated with this petition to Deposit Account Number 20-1430 accompanies this Amendment.

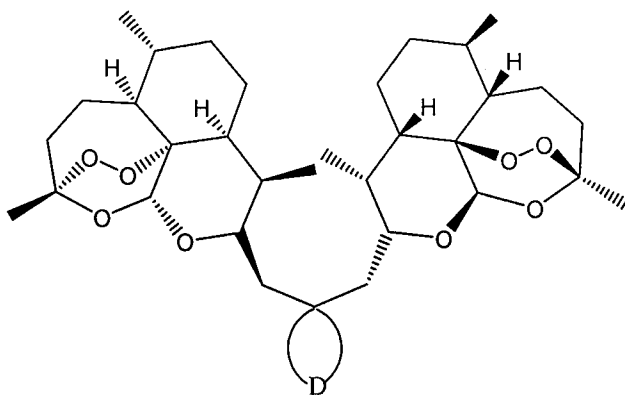
Applicants respectfully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-17, 24-75, 81 and 83-86 in the last Action mailed September 12, 2007.

By the present Amendment, claims 1-81 and 83-86 are pending in this application. Claim 82 is canceled herein. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications towards any canceled subject matter. Claims 1, 18, 24, and 81-83 are amended herein. The specification at paragraphs [0175] and [0178] is also amended herein. Basis for these amendments is found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. Other amendments correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Action has rejected claims 18-23 and 76-80 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for including rings which allegedly are not supported by the specification.

As amended herein, claims 18-23 and 76-80 are directed towards compounds having formula:



where D forms a heterocyclic ring having 3 to 5 atoms, which is supported by the specification. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and removal of this rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Action has rejected claim 82 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over the teachings of Hanes et al. (EP 0 974 594 A1).

As amended herein, claim 82 has been canceled which renders this rejection moot. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and removal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

Respectfully submitted,



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